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3. REF B PARA I 6. ADPH RECORDS INDICATE FOLLOWING  
MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR CIVILIAN WAR CASUALTY (CWC) ADMISSION:  
TO HOSPITALS.

|                  | MOH   | DOD | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| THRU AUG - CY 70 | 4,132 | 557 | 4,689 |
| 69               | 4,935 | 712 | 5,647 |
| 68               | 6,392 | 646 | 7,038 |

NO REPEAT NO DATA AVAILABLE TREATMENT CWCS AT OTHER THAN MOH  
HOSPITALS. BELIEVE INCREASED SECURITY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY  
HOSPITAL CARE TO INCREASING CIVILIAN POPULATION.

4. REF B, PARA I 7. WHILE SKILLED MEDICAL  
MANPOWER AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN CARE IN VIETNAM IS LIMITED,  
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN SHOWN OVER PAST TWO YEARS.  
THIS IMPROVEMENT RESULT OF ADDITIONAL ARVN PERSONNEL PRO-  
VIDED 26 PROVINCE HOSPITALS THROUGH JOINT UTILIZATION AND  
IMPROVED QUALITY MEDICAL TEAM PERSONNEL PROVIDED IN MEDICAL  
TEAMS DOD AND OTHER FREE WORLD COUNTRIES. NO ACUTE SHORTAGE  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES NATIONAL/REGIONAL DEPOT LEVEL. FILL RATE 82 PERCENT  
OVER PAST 6 MONTHS COMPARES FAVORABLE WITH U.S. ARMY OB-  
JECTIVE OF ACHIEVING 85 PERCENT.

1. REF B, PARA I 8. GVN HAS INCREASED MOH BUDGET  
FROM VN\$3,034 MILLION CY 69 TO VN\$3,950 MILLION CY 70 AND  
ANTICIPATE LEVEL OF VN\$4,700 MILLION CY 71. THIS INCREASE PLUS  
IMPROVEMENT OF CARE CIVILIANS NOTED ABOVE ALLOWED USAID REDUCE  
PH BUDGET REQUIREMENT FY 71 BY 11 PERCENT (19.5 MILLION FY 70 TO  
17.6 MILLION FY 71) HOWEVER, REVISED OPERATING BUDGET FY 71



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REFLECTS 1.8 MILLION (28PERCENT) INCREASE OVER FY 71 PBS TO FUND SUPPORT MEDICAL COMMODITIES. WE PROJECTED ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS FY 72 AND FY 73 ON ASSUMPTION GVN WILL CONTUE INCREASE NUMBERS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF PERSONNEL AND BE ABLE ASSUME INCREASED ROLE IN PURCHASING AND PROCURING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

J. REF A, PARA 118. AGREE 44 PERCENT CWC ADMISSIONS TO ALL MOH FACILITIES FIRST SIX MONTHS 1970 WERE IN MR 4. RECENT POPULATION FIGURES INDICATE 42 PERCENT TOTAL POPULATION OUTSIDE SAIGON URBAN AREA RESIDE MR 4. NUMBERS CWC REFLECTION COMBINATION MILITARY ACTIVITY AND CIVILIAN POPULATION DENSITY.

K. REF A, PARA 19. ADPH RECORDS INDICATE 297 CWCS ADMITTED PHU YEN PROVINCE HOSPITAL FIRST SEVEN MONTHS 1970 COMPARED TO 349 DURING TWELVE MONTHS 1969. CWC ADMISSIONS NORTHERN AND COASTAL PROVINCES (MRI AND MR 2) ARE:

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| THROUGH AUGUST 1970 | 1,775 |
| 1969                | 2,164 |
| 1968                | 2,896 |

NO INDICATION INCREASING RATE ADMISSIONS THIS AREA. AS REGARDS SPECIFIC REFERENCE MADE SHORTAGE BLOOD PLASMA, WHILE MOH HAS DIRECTED RESTRICTED USAGE PLASMA, AND SUBSTITUTION DEXTRAN AND/OR WHOLE BLOOD WHEN THESE ARE BLOOD EXPANDERS OF CHOICE, STOCK OF PLASMA AVAILABLE.

7. THE SOCIAL WELFARE, REHABILITATION, AND HEALTH PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE MASSIVE, AS A RESULT OF THE WAR THRUST UPON THIS SMALL COUNTRY AND THE UNDERDEVELOPED CHARACTER OF THE SOCIETY. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES DEFEATED A MILITARY ATTACK IN 1968, EXPANDED SECURITY IN 1969, AND IN 1970 ARE DEVELOPING TOOLS TO HANDLE TERRORISM AND GUERRILLA ATTACKS. PLANS ARE ALSO BEING MADE AND RESOURCES BEING APPLIED TO THE ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE THE DIRECT HERITAGE OF THE WAR EFFORT. THE UNITED STATES MISSION IS FULLY ENGAGED IN ASSISTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE NEW PROGRAMS AND IS REQUESTING PARTICULAR SUPPORT FROM THE CONGRESS TO PERMIT VIETNAM TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS SHE NOW FACES AT LEAST AS WELL AS SHE IS APPARENTLY OVERCOMING THE MILITARY, GUERRILLA AND TERRORIST PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE PAST YEARS.



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